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In re Application of Harrold et al.

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This is a decision in reference to the PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, filed on February 21, 2011.

The petition is granted.

This application was held abandoned on November 8, 2010, for failure to timely respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) "Notice" mailed on October 7, 2010, which set a one (1) month shortened period for reply. No reply having been received, Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 15, 2011.

Petitioners' registered patent practitioner, Daniel R. McClure, asserts that the Notice mailed on October 7, 2010 was never received. A copy of the docket report and file jacket where the non-received Notice would have been docketed and entered had it been received have been supplied with the petition. Petitioner's counsel further asserts that no master docket exists.

A review of the record indicates no irregularity in the mailing of the Notice mailed on October 7, 2010, and in the absence of any irregularity in the mailing, there is a strong presumption that the Notice mailed on October 7, 2010 was properly mailed to the address of record. This presumption may be overcome by a showing that the Notice mailed on October 7, 2010, was not in fact received.

Petitioners have made a sufficient showing that the Notice mailed on October 7, 2010, was not received.

Accordingly, there was no abandonment in fact. The Notice of Abandonment is hereby $\underline{\text{vacated}}$ and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

As a response to the Notice mailed on October 7, 2010 was filed with the subject petition, there is no need to remail the Notice mailed on October 7, 2010. Rather the application is referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2622 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3231.

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